

BRITISH COLUMBIA GUILD OF POTTERS
315 W. Cordova
Vancouver

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Greetings!

- and a few reminders -

World Crafts are being fêted in June in Canada. Make lots of pots now.

Ceramics '74 - a juried exhibit of British Columbia pottery will be held either in June or September of this year. Put your best pots aside for this show. More info. next month.

Please send in your postal code number. Soon.

The Herman Venema Workshop will be held on January 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Huyghe School, 4430 W. 10th Ave. (Entrance at the rear, do not park in the lane please) Fee of \$3.00 should be mailed to 315 W. Cordova. Cheque or money-order to the B. C. Guild of Potters to be in the mail by January 16, or paid at the meeting on the 17th.

We slipped up. We intended to notify each member whose dues were not paid according to our records. The Christmas confusion got the better of us. However, things are back to normal and here it is - FINAL NOTICE - if there is a red check here _____ your dues are unpaid according to our records and your name will be removed from our mailing list until we hear from you.

Kathleen Hamilton

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WHAT'S NEW IN CERAMIC CLASSES?

WHO IS TEACHING WHAT WHERE?

WHO IS MAKING POTS?


Come and find out - January 17, 8 p.m. at the Maritime Museum (General meeting of the B. C. Guild of Potters) FRED OWEN will talk about offerings and new developments at DOUGLAS COLLEGE and then show slides of his own work. JOHN PAULSON from CAPILANO COLLEGE will outline courses available and also show slides of his work. Bring yourself, your friends and your questions.

Barbara Beach

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KAY DODD WORKSHOP on Cone 10 Porcelain will be held on Sunday, February 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building at Douglas College, 9260 - 140th St., Surrey, B. C. Preference will be given those firing to Cone 10 whose applications reach us by January 31. All other applications will be numbered as received and our quota of 25 will be filled from these. Notifications, receipts and refunds will be mailed out from 315 W. Cordova on February 7. Fee \$3.00.

Joyce Cammidge

I would like to attend the K. Dodd Workshop on Porcelain  10.
I am a member of the Guild in good standing. Fee enclosed \$3.00

Name _____ I fire to Cone _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Mail to B. C. Guild of Potters 315 W. Cordova, Vancouver

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Greetings!

Ever thought of reducing in an electric kiln? Ever wondered about opening a pottery school in your basement? Come and hear Gabrielle Alfred, who has done both of these things, among many others. She has no slides, so will bring a few pots in the flesh for us to see. So plan to be at the next Guild meeting, Thursday February 21st, at 8 p.m. at the Maritime Museum.

Barbara

Ceramics '74 cancelled. Why? The executive felt the membership would not want the show 2 years in a row. Such an exhibition is very expensive, our budget is very small, also, suitable Galleries seemed to be booked far ahead. Work is being done now to find a place for Ceramics '75.

WORKSHOPS:

All sorts of interesting programmes and workshops are in the air. One that is down on earth right now is:

A slide show and lecture by Jack Legatt from Nigeria on Nigerian Pottery at 8 p.m. on Friday, March the 29th - keep that date ready. Place and fee will be in the next newsletter.

The Katherine Dodd workshop on General Workshop Techniques has been postponed to a later date. Look out for it.

REMEMBER:

Please bring all Library books to the General Meeting or return to Librarian if you can't make it. Too many books are being kept too long - if this continues we will have to start a policy of putting the names of borrowers in the newsletter as a reminder.

DON'T FORGET:

Send us your ideas and suggestions about the "Western Potter".

It's that time again! Soon for a new executive. All nominations (even volunteers) are welcome, the more, the sooner, the better.

Kathleen

Fellow potters - There seems to be a whole lot of things to tell you this month, and on top of it all the price of paper and printing has gone up - so this entire newsletter is going to get jammed into one great paragraph. When you've read it once, you'd better just check thru' once more. To begin with our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21st at the Maritime Museum to begin at 8 o'clock (oh yes we will). TAM IRVING will be our guest speaker and will talk about Crazing. Please come and bring your questions. Next on the calendar is March 29th - it's a Friday - and should have a big red 'Reserved for Pottery' note written across it. In the afternoon the Vancouver School of Art have invited 30 of our members to be present when Ruth Duckworth will be speaking and showing slides. (from 1 'til 2) If you'd like to go, phone Frances Fraser 985 1880. She's counting noses. (or phone me if that's a Long Distance call for you- 224 5498). IN THE EVENING WE are sponsoring a slide-lecture on NIGERIAN POTTERY, Design and Techniques, Ancient and Contemporary, by Jack Leggett, an Engineer from Kent, England. This will be at the Downtown YWCA, Coronation Room, 580 Burrard, at 8 p.m. Admission \$1.50 at the door. Come and bring a friend. The Travelling Exhibit is to go to Abbotsford at the end of March, and Williams Lake and Terrace would like to have it after that. We'd like to have it stop at a few in between spots. If you're interested please write Frances Fraser, 4316 Capilano Rd., N. Vancouver, soon. Frances has another problem - pots that went out on the first Travelling Exhibit - on loan from the potters, unnamed, and apparently unwanted. They will be at the next meeting to be claimed. If you can't be there and own one, please phone Frances before the meeting. Last chance. Our thanks to Johann and Art Polberg for the Photograph Album with pictures of us as we were in 1969, of Harry Davis doing a teapot in 1966 and other incidental shots. See it with the Library. A couple of Don't Forgets - your Library Books and your postal code (a necessity). If you're going to the World Crafts Council Conference in June take note of the group air fare arranged by the C.A.B.C. - \$210.00 return. For details, contact Michael Clark, Thos. Cook & Son, 416 Seymour St., Van.2. phone 684 1277. Hurry. Western Potter to be published next in April. All letters to the Editor, Swaps, Announcements, Reports and what have you should arrive here (as above) by April 4. Had a chat with Fred Owen about the Clay and Fibres Seminar to be held at Douglas College May 24 to 26 (9 am to 9pm daily). He was busy making long distance calls hither and yon (Halifax, Regina and points south) getting Name potters "excellent local people and people from across the country" to take part. The three sessions sound exciting, cover anything you want to know about pottery - raku, one-shot firing (High fire, into the kiln damp!) funk pottery, throwing, porcelain, handwork, dada and clay, decoration, production, marketing, hobby potters, potters in isolation, architecture and applied arts, traditional pottery today - complete with speakers, slides, firings and visits to studios around the lower mainland. Hopefully we'll have some names in the April newsletter. Fee \$30.00 includes lunches and dinners. Fee or inquiries to Admissions Office, Douglas College, PO Box 2503, New Westminster V3L 5B2. We have some corrections, names that were omitted, and new members for the mailing list. Suggest you correct your list, and tack the additional names on.

Helen Harper
for the Executive

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Librarian 263 7679
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c/o Port Alberni Parks & Rec. Comm.
Port Alberni, B. C.

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P.S. If you'd like to let your name stand in the election of next years Executive, please feel free to contact Marjorie Johnson, Hiro Urakami or myself.
Helen

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April 1974

It's ELECTION time again! We will continue to accept nominations up until the last moment - so hurry and put in your bid. The meeting will be Thursday April 18 at 8 pm sharp at the Maritime Museum.

Barbara has an exciting programme planned for us. "We will have a Mock Exhibition this month. Bring with you to the meeting two (2) exciting pots, preferably one of your own. Everybody will play juror. We will have Sally Michener, Hiro Urakami, Madame von Hausmann, Kay Dodd and Rose Naumann who will talk about pots they have chosen and try to say why. We will discuss pots and what makes an exhibition, and whatever else you want. Please make it a success - bring pots and ideas."

Barbara

Exciting news about our annual exhibition and sale at Hycroft. It will be held all day Friday, November 15 and all day Saturday, November 16 at the VANCOUVER EAST CULTURAL CENTRE, a beautiful setting with oodles more room. So there will be space for individual potters to set up booths to sell their ware in addition to the usual open area where everybody can put pots together. This is a great opportunity for more potters to bring more pots. REMEMBER: NOVEMBER 15 & 16 at the VANCOUVER EAST CULTURAL CENTRE.

A Handbuilding Workshop has been scheduled for early fall.

Helen has been busy and gotten us more information on the CLAY & FIBRES SEMINAR, Douglas College, May 24-26, fee \$30.00 (Admissions Office, Douglas College, P.O.Box 2503, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 5B2). A program has been sent to all on the Guild List. A check with Fred Owen on Thursday has given us the names of several people who had not been confirmed at the time of its release, as taking part in the seminar.

- WARREN MCKENZIE - teaches at U. of Minnesota, traditional potter, work shown in Nelson's books, Ceramics Monthly often and Craft Horizons. Trained with Leach.
- DAVID GILHOOLY - York University, funk potter, does frogs (Frog Victoria, Frog Trudeau, historical people).
- JOE FAFARD - University of Regina, another funk potter in a way, does small sculptures of people, very amusing. Pictures of one man show in special issue of Arts Canada, Shamanistic and Ritual Arts.

Also WALTER DEXTER, BOB KINGSMILL, DAVE THORES DAHL and KAY DODD.

REMEMBER: DON'T FORGET : TO BRING 2 BEST POTS TO THE MEETING.

Kathleen

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May 1974

NEWSLETTER

Our first meeting of the new executive was enjoyable and productive. I for one am looking forward to my job as chairman and especially my association with the others in the executive, posted here below:

Chairman:	Gordon Thorlaksson, 901-1521 Burnaby St. Vancouver	688-0856
Vice Chairman:	Kathleen Hamilton, 718 Bridge St. Richmond,	278-2259
Corresp.Secr:	Paula Gustafson, 4214 Wilson Rd., Yarrow,	823-6178
Record.Secr:	Barbara Beach, 3707-W.37th Ave., Vancouver	261-1139
Treasurer:	Paula Gustafson, 4214 Wilson Rd., Yarrow	823-6178
Programme:	Nancy Star, 2075 W.53rd Ave., Vancouver	263-0390
Workshop:	Gabrielle Alfred, 3463-W.40th Ave., Vancouver	261-4764
Librarian:	Frances Fraser, 4316 Capilano Rd., N.Vancouver	985-1880
Publicity:	Lynn Carmichael, 6061 MacDonald Ave., Vancouver	263-7629
Ass.Publicity:	Mrs.C.von Hausmann, 321-341 Springfield Ave., Richmond,	277-4236
Ann.Sales Comm.	Jeanne Lewis, 752 Reeder Rd., Richmond	277-3456
	Joyce Foyle, 526 Woodward Rd., Richmond	
	Frances Fraser, 4316 Capilano Rd., N.Vancouver	985-1880
	Nancy Star, 2075 W.53rd Ave., Vancouver	263-0390

As you know the Guild's Pottery Sale will be at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, 1695 Venables, Vancouver, this year Nov. 15th and 16th, Friday and Saturday. There will be a short executive meeting to deal specifically with the preliminary aspects of the sale. This meeting will be held at Mrs. C.von Hausmann's home, 321-341 Springfield Ave., Richmond, 277-4236. Time 10 a.m. Monday, June 3rd.

At the meeting, by the way held at the Community Arts Council Office downtown, the question was raised as to whether the annual picnic idea was all that great and that perhaps a bustour of pottery studios and a no-host wine and cheese party at one of the studios might not only be fun but productive as well. The possibility of a raku-party or a pit-firing was mentioned also. Could you give us your feeling regarding this?

The next General Meeting will be held at the Maritime Museum on **Thursday**, May 16th at 8 p.m. There will be 3 films by the Canadian Film Institute: "Creations", "Michael Casson, studio potter" and "Craftsmanship in Clay".

The Travelling Show '73 has been to Abbotsford and is now in Williams Lake. It next goes to Prince George and then on to Terrace. The '71 and '72 shows are also at Williams Lake and are now available to go elsewhere if anyone wishes. Requests should be directed to Mrs. C.von Hausmann, taking over from Frances Fraser.

Malaspino College have asked us to announce that the 4th Annual Ceramics Seminar is planned for late October or early November. Specific date will be forthcoming. This year's Seminar will possibly be a 2-day affair.

Gordon Thorlaksson

Correction: A.H.Koller, V5C 1Y5

Change of Address etc.:

Gustafson, Paula,	Tel.No 823-6178	-	Gordon Thorlaksson,	Tel.No.688-0856
Gordon, Ruth,	#1107-15280-16th Ave.,	White Rock,	B.C.	V4B 3E8 531-9651
Ryzak, Mrs.W.,	322 Robertson St.	Victoria,	B.C.	
Star, Nancy,	2075 W.53rd Ave.	Vancouver		263-0390

Additions:

Boag, Carol,	1853 Hillcrest Ave.,	Victoria,	B.C.	V8N 2R7
Dormaar, N.J.,	1136 Tower Cres.,	Williams Lake,	B.C.	V2G 1A5
Moss, Molly,	2235-E.1st Ave.,	Vancouver,	B.C.	325-0553
Veitch, Ruth,	P.O.Box 248,	Creston,	B.C.	428-9331
Hatch, Susan A.,	#105-1056 Howie Ave.,	Coquitlam,	B.C.	V3J 1T5 936-8910
Smith, A.June,	4197 Virginia Cres.	North Vancouver,	B.C.	988-9283
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Dexter, Walter,	R.R.1,	South Slokan,	B.C.	VOG 2G0
Hammel, Bev,	#3-1870 Yew St.,	Vancouver,	B.C.	731-5551
Prince George Art Centre,	1362-7th Ave.	Prince George,	B.C.	563-6447
The Earthen Things (Sherle Lowes)	348b Moncton St.,	Richmond,	B.C.	277-0621
Gundry, Eleanor,	#501-2222 Bellevue,	W.Vancouver,	B.C.	V7V 1C7

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 1974 at 7:30 p.m., place to be announced. Besides fall and winter traveling programs, a special workshop series growing out of the Commissions Conference, Chemistry for Craftspeople, will be discussed. Possible co-operation with programs run by the Federation of Canadian Artists and the Vancouver Art Gallery will be discussed. Ted Lindberg of the Vancouver Art Gallery will be present. All teachers registered with the Association are urged to attend. Phone PEGGY SCHOFIELD at 263-5590 if you wish to come.

WORKSHOPS

CARIBOO POTTERS' GUILD: WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. plan a month long workshop starting JULY 22ND with instructor TAM IRVING on use of "NATURAL RESOURCES". 20 Sessions - \$65.00.

CHILLIWACK: Community Arts Council on SATURDAY, MAY 26TH from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. will sponsor a working in off-loom and on-loom weaving. Contact MILDRED RENZ at Marie's Wool Shop or phone 794-7438.

PLACE DES ARTS: 166 KING EDWARD STREET, COQUITLAM, B.C., Phone - 526-2891 has a fine program of spring and summer classes covering many crafts, plus workshop and studio space available and a studio shop which sells pottery and weaving. Top-notch instructors.

SALT SPRING SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS: GANGES, B.C. Apply BOX 674. Among many interesting courses offered are Pottery by CAROL SOUTHWARD and weaving by CHARLOTTE BARTSCH.

NORTHWEST COAST INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS: 508 FORT STREET, VICTORIA, B.C., Phone - 382-4843 offering month long full-time workshops in pottery, textile arts, etc. Registration for September on the full-time program should be made by JULY 1st.

ART GALLERY, VICTORIA: MAY 25TH-26TH, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ROSE NAUMANN will give a workshop - "Tapestry, the Scroll of Tomorrow". Cost \$15.00 which includes part of the supplies.

YOU ARE INVITED: Every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and join us for coffee at the "Studio", Dawson School Building on Burrard (across from St. Paul's Hospital).

TRAVELLERS

Make your summer more exciting - Take a course or just drop by to look the scene over.

OREGON WORKSHOPS: HAL PAINTER, STAR ROUTE, CHILOQUIN, OREGON 97624. All aspects of weaving.

SHAWNIGAN LAKE: Summer School, Vancouver Island, B.C. Includes pottery.

ELLIOT LAKE CENTRE: 180 MISSISSAUGA AVENUE, ELLIOT LAKE, ONTARIO. Ceramics, weaving, graphics, etc.

GEORGIAN COLLEGE: Summer School courses offered in various locations - Owen Sound, Barrie, Orillia - in a very wide range of arts/crafts.

HANDCRAFT HOUSE: 110 WEST ESPLANADE, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. On-going courses.

COMMUNITY CRAFT COTTAGE: 4485 DUNBAR STREET, VANCOUVER, B.C. Special courses to accommodate out-of-town students.

SUNBURY SHORES ARTS AND NATURE CENTRE: 139 WATER STREET, ST. ANDREWS, N.B., EOC 2X0.

TIPS FROM THE GLASSHOUSE

Always store glass in warm conditions. Warm glass cuts much easier than cold.

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM YOUR EDITOR: DELVINA FIELD

WAY OF ALBERT CAMUS: "If the world were clear, art would not exist". ANTHONY BURGESS: takes the raw material of the world around us and attempts to shape it into SIGNIFICA-

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June 1974

The first Committee Meeting for the Guild's Pottery Sale took place at Clare von Hausmann's home and was successful.

The second Committee Meeting will be held at Nancy Star's home, 2507 W. 45th Ave (off Arbutus), Vancouver, at 10 a.m. July 22nd.

Please note again the Pottery Sale date: November 15 and 16 1974 at the East Cultural Centre, 1885 Venables. Bring only your GOOD POTS, no seconds; your pots will be checked.

CERAMICS '75 will definitely take place in the beginning of the year; February will be the month; specific date and location to be decided and announced.

The GUILD'S TOUR OF STUDIOS (in place of the picnic) will be held on Saturday, June the 22nd 1974. We meet at Gordon Thorlaksson's studio (Handcraft House, 110 W. Esplanade, North Vancouver, 988-6942) at 10 a.m. Gordon's studio will be the first one to be visited.

The second studio will be Ruth Meechan's, 11785-252nd St. Maple Ridge, 463-6681. The wine and cheese party will be held here, so bring your own brews and booze, cheese and what-have-you. Ruth will provide coffee.

The third studio to be visited will be Harry Venema's, 34917 Harris Rd, R.R.1, Matsqui.

Those who are able to provide transportation and those who need it may contact Clare von Hausmann at her home 277-4236 or at the Earthen Things, 277-0621.

FOLK SCULPTOR'S EXHIBIT:

the sculptor: JOSEPH PANNO, from California, who works in terra cotta.

the place: the Earthen Things, 348 B Moncton St. Richmond, from June 22nd to July 6th.

Our next General Meeting will be held at the Maritime Museum on Thursday, September the 19th at 8 p.m. Topic to be announced. As you know our financial year ends on September the 30th and this is a reminder, well in advance, that your memberships are due for renewal on that date. Please keep us informed of any changes in address and postal codes so that you may continue to receive our Newsletters and the Western Potter without any delay.

The MID-SUMMER CRAFT MARKET:

THURSDAY, JUNE 13th to SATURDAY, JUNE 15th, 12 noon to 10 p.m.

VANCOUVER EAST CULTURAL CENTRE, 1895 Venables, Vancouver.

For information phone: 254-9578.

Bring your pots, your friends and wear your ruffles.

Have a good summer,

Gordon Thorlaksson

Hello Members,

Our tenth Annual Sale, at it's new location, the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, 1895 Venables St., is two days this year.

We want the 2nd day pots just as impressive as the first. We are advertising this, plus more pots than ever before. Let's not let our customers down.

DATE OF SALE: Friday, November 15th, 12 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, November 16th, 12 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Pots will be accepted at the V.E.C.C. between:
 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 13th
 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, November 14th.

Unsold pots must be picked up on
 Sunday, November 17th between 9 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

ENTRY FEE:

Member: \$3.00
 Non-member: \$3.00 plus Membership Fee
 \$7.00 Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley
 \$5.00 Other Areas
 \$3.00 Students

Commission to Guild : 25%

NUMBER OF PIECES:

A Maximum of 60 pieces from each potter (1/3 of which may be sets).

One half of your pots will be set aside for the 2nd day of Sale.

An Information Booth will be near the entrance of the Centre. We welcome advertising material from suppliers, teachers and shops. Send to the address below.

Needless to say we need more help than ever before. We want your pots and YOUR HELP.

Please find enclosed invitations with room for you to add a note and send to your friends and customers. Let them know the 2nd day of the Sale will have just as many similar pots as the 1st day. The Sale is a money-maker for the Guild as well as the potters. Please help advertise it. For more information phone: 277-7809

Joyce Foyle
 Sale Committee
 526 Woodward's Rd,
 Richmond, B.C.
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 ENTRY FORM - send with fee to B.C.Guild of Potters
 315 W.Cordova St.
 Vancouver, B.C.
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NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____ POSTAL CODE NR. _____
 WHAT WILL YOU DO TO HELP ?

Put up stands	_____	Sales Desk	_____
Dismantle stands	_____	As Needed	_____
Information Booth	_____		

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October 1974

Coming events ;

ARTS AND CRAFTS SEMINAR at the Richmond Arts Centre
767 Minoru Gate
Richmond, B.C.

DATE: October 26 and 27, 1974

FEE: \$5.00 per day

Giving Ceramic Lectures and Demonstrations:

Barbara Baanders

Ronald Tribe

Donna McLaren

Don Hutchinson

Kay Dodd

Ulli Steltzer

Nancy Star

Fred Owen

For Registration and Programme phone:

277-8206

273-3661

4th ANNUAL CERAMICS SEMINAR will be held at Malaspino College on
November the 9th, 1974

Additional Information and Application Forms will be available from:

John A. Charnetaki

Art Department

Malaspino College

or phone Nanaimo 753-3245

375 Kennedy

Nanaimo, B.C.

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GENERAL MEETING : Thursday, 17th October 1974, 8 p.m. to be held at
the Maritime Museum.

TOPIC : YOU I "A GATHERING OF THE FORCES"

Nancy Star and I will hold a pot critique. Please bring your latest
or other efforts and we will help with the others in attendance, to
give you an idea of how you are doing and what you could possibly
do to improve your work.

If your work is "great", as certainly some of it will be, we will
say so too and give reasons. Please, don't be shy. We're there to
help each other - right?!

Gordon Thorlaksson

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November 1974.

On October 17, 1974, the night of a General Meeting, the Potters Guild expired after a lingering illness. At least certain aspects of the Guild died:

- 1) The 1974 Annual Sale at the Vancouver East Cultural Center has been cancelled. - This decision was taken in spite of the fact that there were volunteers who would have helped for the duration of the sale. The Executive feels they need help on a continuing basis and people who are willing and/or able to make that commitment have been impossible to find.
- 2) The monthly meetings, which have been poorly attended, will be discontinued.
- 3) The "Western Potter", whose life was spared last fall by a temporary reprieve, will not publish this year due to a lack of contributions (in terms of labor and articles), and due to the understandable resignation of the Editor.
- 4) Ceramics '75 may have to be cancelled for the same reasons the "Western Potter" folded, i.e. lack of anybody willing to take charge of the complex organization involved.
- 5) The travelling show, which again requires time and effort, will be allowed to finish its present itinerary and then come home (pending outcome of the November meeting).

Our financial situation is as follows:

- a) No full-time knowledgeable Treasurer. (We should mention that Art Polberg volunteered to be Treasurer in 2 or 3 months time, health permitting, but we really need someone now and Art has already done so much it seems only fair that some of the many silent members should come forward).
- b) No expected revenue.
- c) Following the November meeting (barring changes) the Newsletters will be discontinued and we will have to let Jane Bradish go.

These are the decisions we have taken. We realize that we have not heard from a majority of the members but that is precisely our problem. As in Art's case, the same few people (for instance Art's wife) have for years been willing to save the Guild from fading by giving their time, but we feel it is time for the responsibility and work to be shared on a more equal basis. If this is impossible then really why do we exist? If the Guild is for all its members then shouldn't all its members work for the Guild?

IF YOU CARE, COME TO OUR FINAL (?) MEETING and express your opinion.

Tell us HOW, OR IF, we should revitalize the Guild.

Those of us who meet regularly have many good ideas for activities and pursuits for the Guild but we can't carry them out alone. We need your help. We need your ideas.

It is possible the Guild could be more relevant with a new format.

Let's discuss this TOGETHER.

COME TO THE MARITIME MUSEUM, November 21st, 8 p.m.

Barbara Beach
Nancy Star

P.S. Library books will be mothballed (subject to outcome of November meeting), so please bring any books you have OR mail to Frances Fraser, 4316 Capilano Road, North Vancouver.

~~P.P.S. Please find enclosed the refund of your Annual Sale entrance fee.~~

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December 1974

NEWSLETTER

Hi, everyone! We didn't fade away or fall apart. We were given such a transfusion of encouragement, enthusiasm, and genuine concern that we are all in high gear again! Just rarin' to go! It is impossible to include in this Newsletter all the good ideas and excellent suggestions that came from all over the province . . . the Vancouver area, Fraser Valley (all the way to Chilliwack), the Okanagan, the Northern hinterlands, and the Islands. These wonderful letters were all read at a good meeting of deeply concerned members at the Maritime Museum on Nov.21st. After we had all talked like mad, it was moved by David Lambert (our own WISE MAN), "That the Guild be dissolved and the assets divided among the members." This motion was UNANIMOUSLY DEFEATED. Then we got to work.

The Newsletter will continue. Please send in news from outlying areas to (Mrs.) Johann E. Polberg, 351 W. 27th St., North Vancouver, V7N 2H4.

It is hoped that the Western Potter will be published again in 1975.

The next meeting will be at the Maritime Museum, Feb. 21st at 8 P.M.

HYCROFT. That's right, HYCROFT. The great sale is on again, Nov. 21st 1975, as in former years. It is our big annual get-together where we all work hard, compare pots, and talk to our favourite people and . . . earn money for the Guild

CERAMICS '75 will go ahead as an affirmation of our faith in you all and a Celebration of our Coming of Age. 1975 marks the beginning of our 21st year as a Guild of Potters. Some pertinent facts, with full details coming along in February 1975.

PLACE: The House of Ceramics, 565 Hamilton St., Vancouver. (Thank you Hiro).

DATES: April 4 Jurying of pots
April 5 Setting up the Show
April 6 Preview for Potters' Guild members and
21st Anniversary Celebration
April 7 Official opening of the show

COMMITTEE to select Jurors: Hiro Urakami, Kathleen Hamilton, Ron Tribe.

JURY: 10 prominent people to be selected from the Ceramic Community at large. The point system of jurying will be used. Each may give up to 5 points per pot, possible total of 50 points.

PRIZES: The Guild has decided on \$1000.- for prizes. Two top prizes of \$250.- each.

ENTREE FEES: \$6.- (plus membership dues)
All pots entered shall be for sale, with one third commission to the House of Ceramics.

THE TRAVELLING SHOW.

The pots returned to Vancouver will be auctioned off to help provide money to buy more pots for the NEXT Travelling Show. The executive have tentative plans for circulating some of the most popular books in the Guild Library with the next show. More about this in the new year. If you have any suggestions or ideas, or if you want more information, contact:

Mrs. Marie Clare von Hausmann
321 - 421 Springfield Ave.
Richmond, B.C. Tel. 277-4236

NEWSLETTER cont'd:

MORE NEWS:

David Lambert has a gorgeous new grand-daughter named Sara.
Art Polberg is making an excellent recovery from recent surgery.
Ruth Meehan is taking time off from potting. It is hard to believe she is retiring. Anyway she'll be around which is nice for all the rest of us. She is one of the real stalwarts of the Guild.

Frances Hatfield was the B.C. delegate to the founding Meeting of the Canadian Crafts Council, held November 30th at Monebello, Quebec. Watch for news of this meeting next year.

Mrs. Mosier of "Carrousel", 5663-176th St., Surrey (Cloverdale) wants to buy pots outright for sale at her giftshop. Phone 576-8727.

Selling space available at nominal cost; Mountain Highway-Lynn Valley Rd. Phone Terry Schneider 980-0974.

Mrs. Wilks, a member of the Historic Sights sub-committee to the Community Arts Council, is interested in receiving price quotations on round tiles to be attached to historic buildings, bearing name of architect and/or occupant, year of erection etc. For more details phone Mrs. Wilks: 733-1097

Somehow I managed to get all my pots finished in time for Christmas. Now I must clean up my studio (nice creative project) and get ready for the new year. All your executive are busy, hard-working potters. Stand by to lend a helping hand in 1975.

A Sunny Solstice, A Merry Christmas, and a Good New Year to you all. And if you haven't done so already, PLEASE pay your dues. Thank you.

Johann Polberg

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I would like to become a member of the British Columbia Guild of Potters.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

TEL: _____

Send cheques to the Treasurer of the B.C. Guild of Potters
c/o Community Arts Council
315 W. Cordova St.
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1E5

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\$5.00 Other Areas
\$3.00 Students
\$7.00 Group Membership.